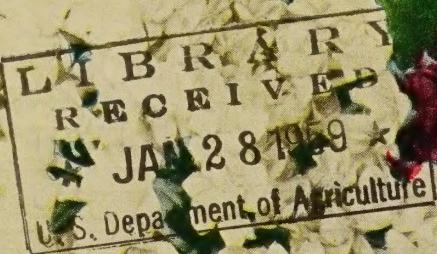


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# Lilacs

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# ALL ABOUT LILACS



Late Hybrid "Lutece". For description, see p. 17

Certainly lilacs are one of America's most beloved garden shrubs, and have been so ever since the days when George Washington planted "ylacks" in his garden at Mount Vernon and noted it in his diary.

Today there are about twenty-five recognized lilac species; most of them have been found growing wild in the Orient. The Common Lilac grows wild in the Balkan Mountains. Augerius Busbecq, Flemish writer and traveler, who also introduced the tulip, brought the Common Lilac from old Constantinople to Western Europe about 1554.

As sports and seedling variants of the Common Lilac appeared, horticulturists selected and named them. In 1843, Liebert Darimont, Belgian nurseryman, introduced the first double lilac. Twenty-seven years later nurseryman Victor Lemoine, of Nancy, France, began crossing Darimont's plant with the single varieties. Although his first one hundred crosses yielded only seven seeds that took six years to bloom, the firm of V. Lemoine & Son to date has originated about three-fourths of the most highly rated varieties of French Hybrids.

Crosses between various wild lilac species have produced a number of fine new hybrid types, including the Giraldi Hybrids of Lemoine and the Dilatata Hybrids of F. L. Skinner of Manitoba, Canada; both of these bloom before the French Hybrids. The best known late blooming lilacs are the Prestonia Hybrids, originated by Miss Isabella Preston of the Canadian Department of Agriculture.

Almost 900 individual lilacs have been introduced and named, many of them very similar. Consequently, positive identification of any lilac simply from the bloom is practically impossible.

Lilacs make beautiful, fragrant bouquets. Cut blooms that still have some unopened buds at the top. Pick in the cool of the day and pound the ends of the stems with a hammer before putting in water.

Applying generous amounts of well rotted compost is the best and safest way to fertilize your lilacs. Working a little lime (preferably ground limestone) into the ground around the base of the plant every year or two should maintain the sweet soil that lilacs prefer. Mulching with hay, straw, grass clippings or similar material conserves moisture around your plants and adds humus to the soil.

Spraying with miscible oil in early spring while lilacs are dormant and temperatures above freezing will control oyster shell scale. We issue a special instruction sheet on lilac borers; send us a self-addressed stamped envelope for a copy of it. To avoid white grub damage do not set lilacs in ground that has been covered with heavy sod for some time—or if this is unavoidable, check the soil for grubs by sifting it.

Lilacs do better if kept from suckering too freely. To remove suckers, loosen the soil around them, then cut them off as far below ground as you can. New stems should be allowed to grow occasionally, however, as possible replacements for old or damaged wood.

Lilacs cannot be kept cut back to a certain height because cutting off the tops usually destroys the next year's bloom. Even medium and low growing lilac types, however, will grow tall and spindly if set too close together or in too much shade. Dead blooms are best removed, but cut off only the blossom itself, not the stem below it.

Pale yellow-green foliage, or brown spots or borders on lilac leaves, appearing in midsummer, usually mean malnutrition. Feed and mulch. Avoid ordinary chemical fertilizers; they may burn lilac roots. If you have no compost, liquid fertilizers such as Ra-pid-gro may be helpful when used according to instructions.

Lilacs may bloom off color the first season after moving, with blossoms smaller and paler than normal. This is the result of the unavoidable shock from transplanting.

Lilacs need moisture but cannot live in soggy soil; *check your drainage before planting*. For bloom they need sun, preferably all day. Keep them away from large trees. Set them at least five feet apart; seven or eight feet apart is better. **LILACS CAN BE PLANTED SAFELY IN EITHER SPRING OR FALL.**

Top: The true *S. persica*  
Charles Joly

Colbert



*Natural Color Photograph*

Leon Gambetta

Jeanne d'Arc

Perle von Stuttgart

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**LILACS FOR AMERICA:** A publication listing all known lilacs, their originators, date of introduction, type, color classification, and nurseries where they may be obtained. Also lists the "100 Best" in the opinion of lilac experts and contains other information of interest on lilacs. Price, \$1.00 postpaid.

# ABOUT UPTON LILACS

**GROWN ON THEIR OWN ROOTS:** All plants are grown from cuttings; none budded or grafted. This slow, painstaking process produces the quality stock that looks and grows best and can best weather adverse conditions. *See pictures on back cover.*

**GROWN WITH CARE:** All plants are grown in well drained, organically enriched soil. They are inspected regularly and kept in top condition.

**GUARANTEED TRUE TO NAME:** Our propagating stock comes from the most authentic sources, wherever possible direct from the originators. All plants are checked for authenticity with meticulous care.

**ONLY THE BEST VARIETIES:** Listings are selected from over 150 different kinds kept under direct observation and judged by the most exacting standards, with new types regularly added and compared.

**OUR NURSERY:** Our plants are grown in and shipped from our nursery, located about fifty miles north of Detroit and one mile north of Goodrich, Michigan, at the corner of state route M-15 and Coolidge Road. It is usually open from late March until early December and visitors are welcome.

*Let us know if you would like to see our lilacs in bloom and we will notify you when we expect them to be at their best; blooming dates vary considerably from year to year. After May 1 send all requests for information on blooming dates direct to Upton Nursery, Goodrich, Michigan.*

# WHEN YOU ORDER

**ORDER EARLY.** Some varieties sell out very quickly.

**YOU GET THE KINDS YOU ORDER.** *One variety is NEVER substituted for another without the customer's specific instructions to do so.*

**WAITING LISTS** are started whenever a variety is sold out for the season. Your name will be added to such lists whenever you request it. No cash deposit is required. We notify you as soon as stock is available, and you are then free to order if you wish, but you are *not obligated* to do so.

**PRICES** are those in our *current price list*. Latest list is attached to this catalog when mailed. We issue new price lists every spring and fall. Plants are priced according to height.

**TERMS** are *cash with order*. Plants may be reserved well in advance by 30% deposit, balance due before shipping time. Spring shipments usually begin late in March, fall shipments in late October, and continue as long as weather permits. All plants shipped are clean, healthy and freshly dug.

**SHIPPING CHARGES** are paid by *the customer*. Plants 12 to 18 inches and 18 to 24 inches tall are mailable; larger sizes are sent by Express. All packages are shipped fully insured.

For *Parcel Post* shipment, send extra money to cover postage; we refund any not used. Latest table of estimated postage is given in *Lilac News*, the little news sheet distributed with our price list.

On orders sent by *Express*, shipping charges are collected on delivery. Always give us the name of your *nearest Express office*.

**FINEST PACKING** insures your plants arriving in top condition: roots packed in damp sphagnum moss (best moisture-retaining material available) and wrapped in heavy waterproof paper; tops carefully tied, and packed in excelsior to prevent bud breakage; the whole package braced full length with a stout stick and wrapped in burlap from top to bottom.

**PLANTING AND CULTURAL DIRECTIONS** are enclosed with every shipment. Look for them when you open the package.

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**NOTE:** Additional fine varieties not included in our current listings are often available in very limited quantities. If you are interested in some lilac that we do not list, ask us about it. We may be able to quote you.



## FRENCH HYBRIDS

These are the most popular modern lilacs. The firm of V. Lemoine & Son has produced the majority of really outstanding French Hybrids, although fine types have originated in Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and the United States. French Hybrids all come from the Common Lilac, and have been produced by patiently crossing and recrossing its ever increasing forms.

### **ADELAIDE DUNBAR** (Dunbar 1917)

Double. Very dark; long, open spikes of violet red blossoms; buds deep maroon. Young leaves tinged with dark red. Neat, symmetrical growth habit. (Illus. p. 9)

### **ALPHONSE LAVALLEE** (Lemoine 1885)

Double. Big panicles filled with feathery florets resembling tiny stars. Rich lavender, shading to violet. Broad, very well shaped and extremely sturdy. Unusually profuse and dependable bloomer.

### **AMI SCHOTT** (Lemoine 1933)

Double. Showy, well filled clusters of very double flowers, shading from aster violet at outer edges to hyacinth blue at the center. Neat, upright growth habit.

### **BELLE DE NANCY** (Lemoine 1891)

Double. Flowers bright lilac rose with conspicuous white centers. Compact trusses. Makes a broad, bushy shrub; very vigorous.

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## FRENCH HYBRIDS

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### **BLEUATRE** (Baltet before 1897)

Single. Tall, slender, graceful, exceptionally hardy. Noticeably bluish when in full bloom, with contrasting rose colored buds.

### **BLUE HYACINTH.** See Early Hybrids, p. 15

### **BUFFON.** See Early Hybrids, p. 15

### **CAPITAINE BALLET** (Lemoine 1919)

Single. Very showy; immense florets of imperial purple with contrasting yellow anthers. Strong, bushy grower.

### **CAPITAINE PERRAULT** (Lemoine 1925)

Double. Imposing clusters of exceptionally large, ornate flowers; bright rosy mauve. Attractive growth habit.

### **CHARLES JOLY** (Lemoine 1896)

Double. Long, erect, compactly filled spikes of deep crimson violet; very striking even from a considerable distance. Growth habit slender, upright, symmetrical. Very hardy. (Illus. p. 4)

### **CHARLES X** (Before 1830)

Single. Dark red buds and reddish violet blossoms. One of the most prolific bloomers that we have. Broad, bushy, extremely vigorous.

(Many different forms have been sold under the name Charles X. Our propagating stock is from the most authentic source in the United States—The Arnold Arboretum)

### **CITY OF GRESHAM.** See Klager Dark Purple, p. 10

### **COLBERT** (Lemoine 1899)

Double. Well filled trusses have florets ranging in color from clear pink to violet to reddish purple, with occasional touches of white. Very hardy. Tidy growth habit. (Illus. p. 4)

### **CONGO** (Lemoine 1896)

Single. Its big, broad, magnificent clusters of vivid red purple blooms and its exceptional vigor make it one of the most popular French Hybrids. Forms a dense, well rounded bush. (Illus. p. 9)

### **CORAL.** See Late Hybrids, p. 16.

### **DECAISNE** (Lemoine 1910)

Single. Florets delicate aster violet streaked with gentian blue. A most prolific bloomer; sometimes blossoms when only a foot high. Makes a broad, shapely, not very tall bush.

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**EDITH CAVELL** (Lemoine 1916)

Double. Stately spikes of chaste, milk white blossoms; cream colored buds. Very popular. (Illus. p. 13)

**ELINOR.** See Late Hybrids, p. 17.

**ELLEN WILLMOTT**

(Lemoine 1903)

Double. Bears great masses of big, dazzling snow white blooms; strikingly beautiful. One of the best known and best loved French Hybrids. Excellent grower.

**ETHEL M. WEBSTER.**

See Late Hybrids, p. 17.

**ETNA** (Lemoine 1927)

Single. Late. Immense clusters of exquisite dark claret purple florets; exceptionally showy. (Illus. p. 13)

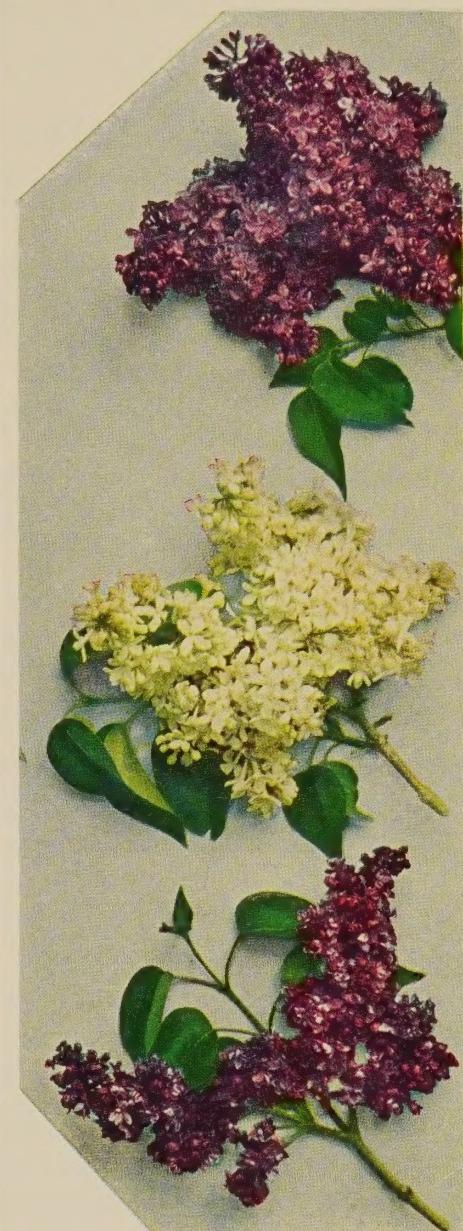
**EVANGELINE.** See Early Hybrids, p. 15.

**GLORY** (Havemeyer)

Single. Late. Large, open clusters of huge florets; the largest flowered lilac in our collection. Buds mallow purple; blossoms shading from heliotrope to aster violet. Very vigorous, rapid grower; makes a tall, open bush. A magnificent variety.

**ISABELLA.** See Late Hybrids, p. 17.

*Natural Color Photograph*



Top: Congo

Center: Vestale

Bottom: Adelaide Dunbar

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### **JEANNE D'ARC** (Lemoine 1902)

Double. Buds pale primrose yellow; blossoms creamy white. Showy, prolific and dependable bloomer. (Illus. p. 4)

### **JEWEL.** See Early Hybrids, p. 15.

### **KATHARINE HAVEMEYER** (Lemoine 1922)

Double. Early. Huge flowers of cobalt lilac flushed with mauve. Trusses broad, ornate, densely filled. (Illus. p. 12)

### **KLAGER DARK PURPLE (City of Gresham)** (Klager 1915)

Single. Late. Upright, open panicles of deep wine red flowers that hold their color unusually well. Florets deeply cupped; exquisitely fragrant. Strong, rapid grower.

### **LEON GAMBETTA** (Lemoine 1907)

Double. Big, luxurious clusters of blossoms that shade from deep to delicate mauve lilac; very striking. Blooms heavily; vigorous grower. (Illus. p. 4)

### **LUCIE BALLET** (Baltet before 1888)

Single. Buds salmon pink; blooms delicate shell pink to flesh pink. An exquisitely lovely variety, long a popular favorite. Compact growth habit; very hardy and floriferous. (Illus. p. 13)

### **LUDWIG SPAETH** (Spaeth 1883)

Single. Massive trusses of big, bright lilac purple flowers. Grows lustily; invariably blooms luxuriantly. One of the best loved lilacs.

### **LUTECE.** See Late Hybrids, p. 17.

### **MARECHAL FOCH** (Lemoine 1924)

Single. Early. Great imposing panicles of big, dazzling carmine rose florets; rated one of the most magnificent varieties in cultivation. Tall, stately, rapid grower.

### **MARECHAL LANNES** (Lemoine 1910)

Double. Huge bluish violet blossoms contrast vividly with brilliant carmine rose buds. Spectacularly beautiful.

### **MME. ANTOINE BUCHNER** (Lemoine 1909)

Double. A tall, graceful, vigorous shrub of remarkable symmetry, flaunting big, handsome spikes of feathery lilac rose blossoms. A luxuriant and dependable bloomer. A lilac to satisfy those of most exacting taste; one of the very finest French Hybrids. (Illus. p. 13)

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**MME. CASIMIR PERIER** (Lemoine 1894)

Double. A low growing, broad, dense bush that bears an extraordinary abundance of neat, round, well filled clusters of creamy white, very fragrant flowers. Extremely hardy.

**MME. F. MOREL** (Morel 1892)

Single. Very impressive; highly prized for its immense, rose violet panicles of extra large florets. A tall, rapid, lusty grower.

**MME. LEMOINE** (Lemoine 1890)

Double. A tall, imposing, beautifully symmetrical shrub with big, magnificent spikes of dazzling white bloom. Exceptionally vigorous.

**MONGE** (Lemoine 1913)

Single. Huge clusters of brilliant imperial purple flowers that hold their color unusually well, turning violet as they fade. Florets very large, noticeably cupped. Exceptionally prolific bloomer; neat, symmetrical growth habit. One of the showiest, most richly colored, most satisfying French Hybrids. (Illus. p. 12)

**MONTAIGNE** (Lemoine 1907)

Double. Late. Flowers amaranth rose; magenta rose buds. A heavy bloomer. Grows rapidly; makes quite a tall bush.

**MY FAVORITE** (Klager 1928)

Double. Early. Outer petals of deep magnolia purple contrast with lavender centers. Unusually fragrant; very vigorous.

**NECKER.** See Early Hybrids, p. 15.**OLIVIER DE SERRES** (Lemoine 1909)

Double. Magnificent panicles of extra large florets; deep bluish violet with delicate lavender markings. Very highly rated.

**PAUL DESCHANEL** (Lemoine 1924)

Double. Early. Exceptionally big, showy clusters of lilac rose blossoms with unusually broad petals; carmine buds.

**PAUL HARIOT** (Lemoine 1902)

Double. Densely filled trusses of dark reddish violet blossoms. Makes a neat, symmetrical, comparatively small bush.

**PAUL THIRION** (Lemoine 1915)

Double. Buds claret red; flowers carmine to lilac pink; when partly open, trusses resemble clusters of rosebuds. Low, spreading growth habit. Exceptionally beautiful; very popular. (Illus. p. 13)

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## FRENCH HYBRIDS

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Buffon (Giraldi Hybrid)

*Natural Color Photograph*

President Loubet



Katharine Havemeyer

President Lincoln

Monge

### PERLE VON STUTTGART (Pfitzer 1910)

Double. Handsome, perfectly globular florets shade from lilac rose to rich pink; buds deep carmine. Blossoms remain beautiful an unusually long time. Exquisitely fragrant. Slender; stately. One of the rarest French Hybrids in cultivation. (Illus. p. 4)

### PRESIDENT GREVY (Lemoine 1886)

Double. Great panicles of cobalt blue blossoms. A tall, rapid, very lusty grower. Still a best seller after more than 70 years.

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Etna

Natural Color Photograph

Mme. Antoine Buchner



Lucie Baltet

Edith Cavell

Paul Thirion

**PRESIDENT LINCOLN** (Dunbar 1917)

Single. Early. Flowers of clear Wedgwood blue in graceful open clusters. Grows fast and vigorously. Most highly rated blue lilac in commerce. (Illus. p. 12)

**PRESIDENT LOUBET** (Lemoine 1910)

Double. An early bloomer that still looks attractive when many later blooming lilacs have faded. Blossoms prolifically year after year. Dense trusses of dazzling crimson purple flowers; buds bright claret red. Neat, refined growth habit. (Illus. p. 12)

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Typical example of the clean, sturdy stock growing in our nursery

**PRESIDENT POINCARE** (Lemoine 1913)

Double. Early. Large, densely filled clusters of big, showy reddish violet flowers. Very striking in full bloom. Neat, attractive growth habit.

**PRISCILLA** (Havemeyer)

Single. Big, showy, upright spikes; large, deeply cupped florets of brilliant imperial purple with bright yellow centers. Unusually heavy bloomer. Very sweet fragrance. Strong, upright grower.

**ROMEO.** See Late Hybrids, p. 17.

**RUTILANT.** See Late Hybrids, p. 17.

**SAUGEANA.** See Chinensis Hybrids, p. 16.

**THUNBERG** (Lemoine 1913)

Double. Late. Buds deep rose; florets delicate sea lavender violet edged with pansy violet; clusters long, well filled. Exceptionally showy, heavy bloomer; very fragrant.

**URSULA.** See Late Hybrids, p. 18.

**VESTALE** (Lemoine 1910)

Single. Big, handsome trusses of dazzling white flowers with bright yellow centers. Very lusty grower; makes a broad, imposing bush. One of the most satisfying white lilacs. (Illus. p. 9)

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**VICTOR LEMOINE** (Lemoine 1906)

Double. Late. Magnificent big panicles of florets with contrasting petals of lilac pink and Chinese violet. Strong grower; prolific bloomer. Very fragrant; blossoms keep well when cut.

**VIRGILIA.** See Late Hybrids, p. 18.**WILLIAM ROBINSON** (Lemoine 1899)

Double. Rich carmine buds resemble rosettes, open to an attractive shade of pinkish lavender. Robust, upright, symmetrical grower; very heavy, dependable bloomer.

# EARLY HYBRIDS

Derived from crosses between French Hybrids and early blooming wild species from the Orient, these beautiful lilacs closely resemble the French Hybrids but blossom before them; they lengthen the blooming season and add distinction to any garden. All those listed are extremely vigorous.

Giraldi Hybrid: Forms of *S. vulgaris* x *S. oblata giraldi*;

Dilatata Hybrid: Forms of *S. vulgaris* x *S. oblata dilatata*.

**BLUE HYACINTH** (Giraldi) (Clarke 1942)

Single. Open clusters of delicate violet blue florets resembling those of a hyacinth; buds deep lavender. Exceptionally beautiful.

**BUFFON** (Giraldi) (Lemoine 1921)

Single. Bright mauve pink. Trusses big, showy, well filled. Makes a broad, bushy shrub. (Illus. p. 12)

**EVANGELINE** (Dilatata) (Skinner 1935)

Double. Clusters full, compact. Florets rich lavender with overtones of rose. Blooms profusely. Very fragrant. Neat, symmetrical grower.

**JEWEL** (Becker 1956)

Double. A new origination of real merit. Rose colored buds; rose pink florets; showy open clusters. Dependable bloomer; symmetrical grower. A seedling of the Early Lilac, *S. oblata*.

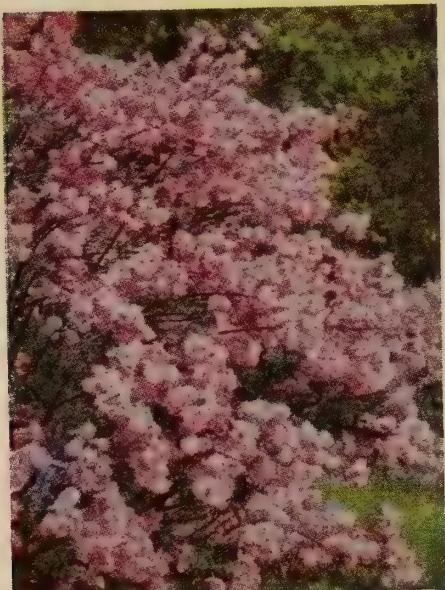
**NECKER** (Giraldi) (Lemoine 1920)

Single. Exquisite apple blossom pink. Large erect panicles of striking appearance. Tall, symmetrical, upright grower.

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# CHINENSIS HYBRIDS

Known as *S. chinensis*; also sometimes called *S. rothomagensis* or Rouen Lilac, and frequently sold under the completely erroneous name of Persian Lilac. (The true Persian Lilac, *S. persica*, is described on p. 21 of this catalog.) These hybrids, a cross between the Common Lilac and *S. persica*, make big, broad, symmetrical shrubs with dense, twiggy branches and narrow, divided leaves, and blossom very shortly after the French Hybrids. Flowers single; clusters large, feathery and borne in greatest profusion.



*S. chinensis Saugeana*

## ***S. chinensis* (1796)**

The old fashioned, well loved, lavender flowered form.

## ***S. chinensis ALBA***

(Before 1885)

Flowers white with delicate overtones of lavender.

## ***S. chinensis SAUGEANA***

(Before 1838)

Flowers brilliant reddish mauve.  
Best known form of *S. chinensis*.  
(Illus. at left)

# L A T E H Y B R I D S

Big, vigorous, well branched shrubs produced by crossing and re-crossing various wild lilac species. Foliage is distinctive, flowers single, and all are very heavy, dependable, showy bloomers, blossoming after the last French Hybrids have faded, and thus prolonging the loveliness of the lilac season.

Henryi Hybrids: *S. josikaea* x *S. villosa*

Nanceiana Hybrids: *S. henryi* x *S. sweginzowii*

Prestonia Hybrids: *S. reflexa* x *S. villosa*

## **CORAL (Prestonia) (Preston 1937)**

Broad, open clusters; buds rich coral; blooms exquisite creamy coral pink. Highly rated and very popular.

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**ELINOR** (Prestonia) (Preston)

Panicles large, well filled; buds bright ruby red; blossoms a lovely shade of magnolia purple. Very striking when in bloom.

**ETHEL M. WEBSTER** (Preston 1945)

A hybrid seedling of the famed "Nodding Lilac," *S. reflexa*. Magnificent trusses; buds salmon to crimson; flowers *clear rose pink*. (Illus. below)

There is striking beauty in the massive clusters of the late-blooming hybrid, Ethel M. Webster

**ISABELLA** (Prestonia) (Preston 1927)

The best known Prestonia. Large, airy panicles of delicate phlox pink. Makes a large bush; fine for a background shrub.

**LUTECE** (Henryi) (Henry 1900)

A compact, well rounded bush, very good for specimen planting. Bears great masses of showy pansy violet blossoms. (Illus. p. 2.)

**ROMEO** (Prestonia) (Preston)

Comes into bloom exceptionally late. Spirea red buds contrast with rosy pink flowers, carried in large, impressive, open panicles.

**RUTILANT** (Nanceiana) (Lemoine 1931)

Magnificent clusters of rich rose purple florets; deep dahlia purple buds; our darkest Late Hybrid. A remarkably heavy, showy bloomer.

**SWEGINZOWI ALBIDA** (Lemoine 1930)

A hybrid seedling of the beautiful wild lilac from Chengtu, *S. sweginzowi*. Very late. Foamy clusters of delicate blossom-pink buds that open into milk white flowers. Upright growth habit.

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## LATE HYBRIDS

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### **URSULA** (Prestonia) (Preston)

Great spikes of magenta rose bloom remain beautiful an unusually long time. Very popular.

### **VIRGILIA** (Prestonia) (Preston)

In blossom, this bush is one solid bouquet of cyclamen purple flowers; the most heavily blooming lilac that we have ever seen.

## L I L A C S P E C I E S

These are the lilacs that have been found growing wild in various parts of the Orient and in southeastern Europe by plant collectors of many nations. Many have been discovered only in the past fifty or sixty years. Some are remarkably beautiful shrubs, differing greatly from the more commonly known lilac forms. This list includes those lilac species that are of exceptional garden value.

### **SYRINGA POTANINI**

(Potanin Lilac) (1885)

We give top billing to this lilac: one of the rarest and most beautiful species in cultivation. Discovered in Kansu, China by a Russian explorer, Potanin. Leaves small; growth habit neat, erect, symmetrical. Dainty florets daphne pink to delicate lilac pink. Buds flaming salmon red, almost scarlet: a shade unique in lilacs. An unusually free bloomer; blossoms shortly after the French Hybrids and a second time, less heavily, in late summer. An extremely rapid, luxuriant grower. (Illus. p. 19).

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**S. AMURENSIS JAPONICA.** See Tree Lilacs, p. 23.

**S. CHINENSIS.** See Chinensis Hybrids, p. 16.

**S. HENRYI.** See Lutece, Henryi Hybrid, p. 17.

**S. JAPONICA.** See *S. amurensis japonica*, Tree Lilacs, p. 23.

### **S. JOSIKAEA** (Hungarian Lilac) (1830)

The Baroness von Josika found this species growing wild on her estate in Transylvania. A very robust, late blooming type, bearing long, graceful panicles of cobalt violet flowers.

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*Syringa polanini*  
gracefully  
flaunts its pro-  
fusion of ex-  
quisite pink  
blooms



### S. JULIANAE, HER'S VARIETY

Discovered by J. Hers in China; might be called the "Weeping Lilac" with its broad, sweeping branches growing in fountainlike fashion. Can also be trained on a trellis or espaliered on a wall. Our original plant is now about six feet high and ten feet across. Small leaves, lilac pink flowers; profuse, very showy bloomer.



Foliage of  
*S. laciniata*

### S. LACINIATA (*S. persica laciniata*) (Cutleaf Persian Lilac) (1614)

The form we use was found in a Cambridge garden by the famous lilac authority, Susan Delano McKelvey. The slender branches, covered with feathery foliage, resemble green plumes. (Illus. at left) Blossoms delicate violet. Blooms shortly after the French Hybrids. Prefers a slightly sheltered location. A charming novelty.

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**S. MEYERI** (Meyer Lilac) (1908)

Brought to the United States by Frank N. Meyer, plant collector for the Department of Agriculture. A rarity, found in Chinese gardens but never growing wild. A broad, dwarfish bush; small leaved foliage; dainty mauve violet blossoms.



**S. MICROPHYLLA** (Littleleaf Lilac) (1892)

Found in Shensi Province, China, by an Italian missionary, Rev. Giuseppe Giraldi. Makes a broad shrub with twiggy branches and small leaved foliage. Blooms soon after the French Hybrids, the whole bush a mass of delicate lacy lilac-pink blossoms of exquisite fragrance. Often flowers again in late summer. Very hardy. A distinctive addition to any garden. (Illus. above)

**S. NANCEIANA.** See Rutilant, Nanceiana Hybrid, p. 17.

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## Natural Color Photograph

*Syringa pubescens***S. OBLATA GIRALDI NANA** (1941)

A very dwarf form of the early flowering *oblata* group. Makes a low, dense shrub. Florets tinted pinkish lavender, borne in open panicles.

**S. PEKINENSIS.** See Tree Lilacs, p. 23.**S. PERSICA** (Persian Lilac) (1660)

The *real* Persian, not to be confused with the hybrid, *S. chinensis*, that has been widely sold under this name. Known only as a cultivated plant. A dainty shrub with slender branches, drooping gracefully with masses of delicate, mauve-lilac blossoms. Attractive, lacy foliage. (Illus. p. 4)

**S. PERSICA ALBA** (White Persian Lilac) (1770)

Differs from *S. persica* solely in the color of its flowers, which are pale lavender in bud, opening white with lavender overtones.

**S. PERSICA LACINIATA.** See *S. laciniata*, p. 19.**S. POTANINI.** See p. 18.**S. PRESTONIAE.** See Prestonia Hybrids, p. 16, 17 and 18.**S. PUBESCENS** (Hairy Lilac) (1840)

Found growing wild in mountains near Peiping by a Russian botanist. Neat growth habit; small, slightly hairy leaves. Once the plant is established, the dainty lilac pink blossoms will cover it from the ground up. Famed for its exquisite, distinctive, spicy fragrance. Blooms shortly after the Common Lilac. Hardy, but grows best in a slightly sheltered location. (Illus. above)

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**S. REFLEXA (Nodding Lilac) (1901)**

Found in the mountains of western Hupeh, Central China, by the great plant explorer, E. H. Wilson. Famous for its graceful, wisteria-like drooping flower panicles, its rich clear pink florets and contrasting coral buds. Sturdy, upright growth habit. Comes into bloom very late. Awarded a medal by the Royal Horticultural Society. Widely used in crosses producing many Late Hybrids. A real novelty. (Illus. above)

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Ami Schott (D) III.....	3.50	4.00			
Belle de Nancy (D) V.....	1.75	2.25	2.75	\$3.35	4.00
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Montaigne (D) V.....	1.75	2.25	2.75	....	4.00	
My Favorite (D) VI.....	2.75	3.25				
Olivier de Serres (D) III	3.50	4.00	4.50	5.25	6.00	
Paul Deschanel (D) VI....	3.50	4.00				
Paul Hariot (D) VII.....	3.50	4.00				
Paul Thirion (D) VI.....	3.50	4.00	4.50			
Perle von Stuttgart (D) V	4.00	4.50	....	5.75		
President Grevy (D) III..	1.75	2.25	2.75			
President Lincoln (S) III	2.75	3.25	3.75	4.35		
President Loubet (D) VI..	2.25	2.75	3.25			
President Poincare (D) VI	3.50	4.00	4.50	5.25		
Priscilla (S) VI.....	2.75	3.25	3.75	4.35	5.00	
Thunberg (D) II.....	....	3.25	3.75	....	5.00	
Vestale (S) I.....	1.75	2.25	2.75	3.35	4.00	
Victor Lemoine (D) IV....	1.75	2.25	2.75	3.35	4.00	
William Robinson (D) IV..	1.75	2.25	2.75	3.35	4.00	

#### EARLY HYBRIDS

*Blue Hyacinth (S) III...	3.50					
Buffon (S) V.....	1.75	2.25	2.75	3.35	4.00	
Evangeline (D) IV.....	2.25	2.75	3.25	3.85	4.50	
Jewel (D) V.....	2.75	3.25	3.75	4.35		
*Necker (S) V.....	3.50					

#### CHINENSIS HYBRIDS

Chinensis (S) IV.....	....	2.00	2.50	3.00	3.75	
*Chinensis alba (S) I (white <u>tinged</u> lavender)	....	2.75	....	3.85		
Chinensis Saugeana (S) VI	1.75	2.25	2.75	3.35		

#### LATE HYBRIDS

Coral (S) V.....	2.75	3.25				
Elinor (S) VI.....	2.75	3.25	3.75	4.35		
*Ethel M. Webster (S) V..	3.50	4.00				
Isabella (S) V.....	2.25	2.75	3.25			
Lutece (S) II.....	1.75	2.25	2.75			
Romeo (S) V.....	2.25	2.75	3.25	3.85	4.50	
Rutilant (S) VI.....	2.25	2.75	3.25			
Sweginzowi albida (S) I (white <u>tinged</u> pink)....	2.75	3.25	3.75	4.35		
Ursula (S) V.....	2.25	2.75	3.25	3.85	4.50	
Virgilia (S) VI.....	2.75	3.25	3.75			

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	15-24"	2-3'    3-4'
S. josikaea (S) IV.....	\$2.00	\$2.75
S. julianae Hers Variety (S) V (spreading type not sold on basis of height; strong young plants, \$3.50)		
S.laciniata (S) IV (formerly S.persica laciniata)	....	3.25    \$4.00
*S.meyeri (S) IV.....	3.00	
S.microphylla (S) V.....	3.00	3.75
*S.oblata giraldi nana (S) IV.....	3.50	
S.persica (S) IV.....	3.00	3.75
S.persica alba (S) I (white tinged lavender) .....	3.00	3.75    4.50
S.potanini (S) V.....	....	4.75    5.50
*S.pubescens (S) IV.....	3.50	4.25
S.reflexa (S) V.....	3.00	3.75
S.reflexa alba (S) I.....	3.00	3.75    4.50
S.sweginzowi (S) V.....	3.00	3.75
*S.velutina (S) IV.....	2.50	

Price List	TREE LILACS	Spring '59
	2-3'	3-4'    4-5'
S.amurensis japonica (S) I.....	\$3.00	
S.pekinensis (S) I.....	....	\$3.50    \$4.00

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CLASSIFICATION: FRENCH HYBRIDS are the well known "French" lilacs. EARLY HYBRIDS resemble them but bloom earlier. CHINENSIS HYBRIDS are related to the Persian type, have lacy foliage. LATE HYBRIDS bloom much later than French lilacs, have different type leaves. SPECIES lilacs are a wide range of types found growing wild. TREE lilacs are wild lilacs that make small trees. For more detailed information on all types, see our descriptive catalog.

TERMS: CASH WITH ORDER. (30% deposit accepted on orders placed before Feb.15; bal.due Mar.1.) CUSTOMERS PAY ALL SHIPPING CHARGES. Plants up to 2-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' usually mailable; for postage to add, consult table in Lilac News. Larger plants sent Express, shipping charges collected on delivery. For more details, see our descriptive catalog.

MICHIGAN RESIDENTS: Add 3% Sales Tax to all our prices.

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# LILAC NEWS

## HAVE LILACS - WILL SELL!



### RAINBOW OF COLORS -

POT-OF-GOLD VALUES - all top quality plants - we need space - these MUST go - priced to sell - NOW - HURRY !

(WIDE SELECTION of varieties: if you order more than one collection we'll see that you get no duplicates.)

(Collection One & Connoisseurs Special mailable; add for postage as per table, p.3; other collections sent Express only; shipping charges collected on delivery.)

COLLECTION ONE: Three beautiful 18-24" plants -

Two French Hybrids and one Early or Late Blooming

Our choice; all labelled; JUST \$3.99 ← Novelty Lilac

COLLECTION TWO: Three finest quality 2-2½-3' plants -

Two French Hybrids and one Early or Late Blooming

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COLLECTION THREE: Three big 3-3½-4' plants -

Two French Hybrids and one Early or Late Blooming

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CONNOISSEURS SPECIAL: Three outstanding top-rated "luxury" types; all 12-18"

1 Marechal Lannes (double violet)

1 Capitaine Perrault (double rose)

1 Monge (deep purple single)

A \$9.75 Value:

Only \$5.55 →

LATE HYBRID SPECIAL: Limited number of late-blooming novelties, 1½-2½', our selection, all labelled, WHILE THEY LAST - ONLY \$1.49 each! ORDER SEVERAL!



## BLUE RIBBON SPECIALS

Big, beautiful bushes to give your garden that "full grown" look. Those listed as "specimen" are extra bushy, extra symmetrical plants, especially selected and reserved in the field. Only a few of a kind available, so indicate if you will accept another size or variety BUT

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CAPITAINE PERRAULT (double rose) 4-5' @ \$7.00

CONGO (red-purple; highest rating in its color class)

4-5' @ \$5.00; 3-4' specimen @ \$5.50; 4-5' specimen

EVANGELINE (Early Hybrid; @ \$6.50

lavender double) 3-4' specimen @ \$5.50

GLORY (aster-violet; extra large florets) 4-4½' @ \$6.00

LUCIE BALLET (shell pink) 3-4' specimen @ \$5.50

MME. A. BUCHNER (lilac-pink double) 4' specimen @ \$7.50

MME. F. MOREL (violet-rose; very large clusters)

THUNBERG (violet double) 4-5' specimen @ \$6.50

4-5' @ \$6.00

S.CHINENSIS SAUGEANA (red-purple; extra heavy bloomer)

S.LACINIATA (Cut-leaf 4-4½' @ \$4.50

Persian; lavender) 4-5' @ \$5.00

S.PERSICA ALBA (White Persian; tinged lavender)

4-5' @ \$5.50

## OUR CATALOG —

If you don't have a copy of our latest color edition, issued last fall, why not order it now - 20¢ in coin or 4¢ stamps - this 20¢ deductible from your first order.

**OUR NURSERY:** Our plants are grown in and shipped from our nursery, located about fifty miles north of Detroit and one mile north of Goodrich, Michigan, at the corner of state route M-15 and Coolidge Road.

Let us know if you would like to see our lilacs in bloom and we will notify you when we expect them to be at their best; blooming dates vary considerably from year to year. After May 1 send all requests for information on blooming dates direct to Upton Nursery, Goodrich, Michigan.

**LILACS FOR AMERICA:** A publication listing all known lilacs, their originators, date of introduction, type, color classification, and nurseries where they may be obtained. Also lists the "100 Best" in the opinion of lilac experts and contains other information of interest on lilacs. Price, \$1.00 postpaid.

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BELLICENT: beautiful pink						
Late Hybrid.....	....	....	\$3.75	\$4.35	\$5.00	
DE MIRABEL: deep blue-purple						
single; rare.....	\$4.00	\$4.50	....	5.60		
DIPLOMATE: lilac-blue single;						
low, spreading habit.....	2.75	3.25				
FOUNTAIN: pendulous clusters;						
lilac-pink, Late Hybrid..	2.75					
MACROSTACHYA: famous						
flesh-pink single.....	....	....	....	3.85	4.50	
MRS. EDW. HARDING: deep						
red-purple double.....	3.50	4.00				
MRS. W. E. MARSHALL: deep						
purple single.....	3.50	4.00				
PRES. FALLIERES: showy						
lilac-pink double.....	....	4.00				
REAUMUR: low growing, deep						
red-purple single.....	2.75	3.25	3.75			
UNCLE TOM: deep purple dwarf						
single; heavy bloomer....	3.50	4.00				
WALDECK-ROUSSEAU: lovely						
lilac-pink double.....	2.25	2.75	3.25			
WHITE SWAN: Havemeyer's						
showy single white.....	2.75					
S. LACINIATA X S. PINNATIFOLIA:						
fast growing new cut-leaf						
hybrid; lavender single..	1.50	2.00	....	....	3.50	

QUOTED ON REQUEST: We have available a few plants of the following: French Hybrids BOULE AZUREE, CHAMPLAIN, CHRISTOPHE COLOMB, DUC DE MASSA, EMILE GENTIL, and MONT BLANC. Also Early Hybrids LAURENTIAN and TURGOT.

PARCEL POST ESTIMATES:

Most orders for plants up to 2-2½' are mailable. Add for postage as follows; we refund postage not used or bill you for any balance due.  
All states east of the Mississippi except Maine:

1 plant, 60¢; additional plants, 12¢ each  
Mississippi River to Rockies and state of Maine:

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1 plant, \$1.00; additional plants, 25¢ each

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- In Memoriam ★ SEP 29 Change of Address

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EDWARD A. UPTON, founder of the Upton Nursery Company and nationally recognized authority on lilacs, died Feb. 4, 1959, at the age of eighty-four. During his lifetime he grew and tested over 200 lilac species and varieties. He introduced several new lilacs; the most outstanding probably being S. reflexa alba, and popularized a number of little known but valuable types. He collected clippings and articles about lilacs for 30 years and had them bound and meticulously indexed in half a dozen scrapbooks; he left a seventh unfinished at the time of his death. Thousands of lilacs that he grew and sold will continue to bloom in parks and private gardens across the nation: this is his fitting memorial.

Spokane Avenue, Detroit is being sold. From now on all mail should be sent directly to Upton Nursery, GOODRICH, Mich. This is where our actual nursery has always been located, where all plants are grown. The same high standards of quality stock and service continue; only the mail address has changed.

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Rocky Mt. and Pacific

Coast states:

1 plant, \$1.00; additional plants, 25¢ ea.

# SPECIALS SAVE DOLLARS

and give you a bonus of beauty!

Get these top quality plants at rock bottom prices and give yourself a head start on a fine lilac collection!

INTRODUCTORY SPECIALS: A small investment acquaints you with our fine stock and service. You get:

1 Congo (red-purple)

1 Lucie Baltet (shell pink)

1 Mme. Casimir Perier (double white)

These three plants, all 12-18", for ONLY \$2.95

OR

1 Monge (deep purple)

1 President Loubet (reddish purple double)

1 Priscilla (imperial purple)

Three heavy blooming types, 12-18", for JUST \$3.95

COMBINE THESE TWO SPECIALS: GET ALL 6 PLANTS FOR \$6.49

DOUBLE FLOWERED SPECIAL: Three beautiful 18-24" plants - among the finest varieties any lilac lover can buy:

1 Paul Thirion (claret red to carmine pink)

1 Charles Joly (very deep purple)

1 Ellen Willmott (outstanding double white)

All three for ONLY \$5.95

CONNOISSEURS' SPECIAL: Top varieties in 2-3' stock, normally selling for MUCH more, and WORTH it, too:

1 Paul Deschanel (lilac-rose double; very showy)

1 Charles Joly (famous deep purple double)

1 Decaisne (aster violet to gentian blue; very heavy bloomer) All 3 plants ONLY \$8.49

"GLORY" SPECIAL: Designed to acquaint those who have had no opportunity to see it with the huge flowered heliotrope-violet colored lilac "Glory", one of the most spectacular varieties in our nursery. You get:

1 Glory; 1 other French Hybrid, our choice; and

1 Late-blooming Novelty Hybrid, our choice -

All three,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ ', for JUST \$8.95

NOVELTY SPECIAL: Three entirely DIFFERENT lilac types, adding variety and distinction to any garden:

1 Saugeana (fast growing, showy reddish purple; small leaves; used to be called "Persian")

1 Syr.laciñiata (feathery cut-leaf foliage; lovely delicate lavender blossoms)

1 Sweginzowi albida (late-blooming type; fast grower; pale pink buds; milk-white flowers)

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EVANGELINE (Early Hybrid;  
lavender double) 4-5' @ \$5.50;  
4'"specimen @ \$5.50; 4-5'"specimen" @ \$6.50  
GERMINAL (tall, red-purple Late Hybrid) 6' @ \$6.00  
GLORY (Huge heliotrope-violet flowers) 4-5' @ \$6.00  
GUINEVERE (Heavy blooming red-purple Late Hybrid)  
JEWEL (showy new Early Hybrid;  
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KLAGER DARK PURPLE (strong growing deep purple)  
LAPLACE 4'"specimen" @ \$6.00  
(rare deep purple) 4-5' @ \$7.00  
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WM. ROBINSON (lilac-pink double) 4-5' @ \$5.00  
SYR. CHINENSIS (lavender; novelty hybrid; sometimes  
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12-18" 18-24" 2-2½' 2½-3' 3-4'

Monge (S) VII.....	\$2.75	\$3.25	\$3.75	\$4.35	\$5.00
Montaigne (D) V.....	1.75	2.25	2.75	3.35	
My Favorite (D) VI.....	2.75	3.25	3.75	4.35	
Olivier de Serres (D) III	3.50	4.00	4.50	....	6.00
Paul Deschanel (D) VI....	3.50	4.00	4.50	5.25	6.00
Paul Hariot (D) VII.....	3.50	4.00	4.50	....	6.00
Paul Thirion (D) VI.....	3.50	4.00	4.50	5.25	
*Perle von Stuttgart (D) V	4.00	4.50	5.00	....	6.50
President Grevy (D) III..	1.75	2.25	2.75	3.35	
President Lincoln (S) III	2.75	3.25	3.75		
President Loubet (D) VI..	2.25	2.75	3.25	3.85	4.50
President Poincare (D) VI	3.50	4.00	4.50	5.25	6.00
Priscilla (S) VI.....	2.75	3.25	3.75	4.35	5.00
Thunberg (D) II.....	....	3.25	3.75	4.35	5.00
Vestale (S) I.....	1.75	2.25	2.75	3.35	
Victor Lemoine (D) IV....	1.75	2.25	2.75	3.35	4.00
William Robinson (D) IV..	1.75	2.25	2.75	3.35	4.00

## EARLY HYBRIDS

*Blue Hyacinth (S) III...	3.50	4.00	4.50	5.25	
Buffon (S) V.....	1.75	2.25	2.75	3.35	4.00
Evangeline (D) IV.....	2.25	2.75	3.25	3.85	4.50
Jewel (D) V.....	2.75	3.25	3.75	4.35	
*Necker (S) V.....	....	4.00	4.50		

## CHINENSIS HYBRIDS

Chinensis (S) IV.....	....	2.00	2.50	3.00	3.75
*Chinensis alba (S) I					
(white <u>tinged</u> lavender)	2.25	2.75			
Chinensis Saugeana (S) VI	....	2.25	2.75	3.35	4.00

## LATE HYBRIDS

Coral (S) V.....	2.75	3.25	3.75	4.35	
Elinor (S) VI.....	2.75	3.25			
*Ethel M. Webster (S) V...	3.50	4.00	4.50		
Isabella (S) V.....	....	....	....	3.85	4.50
Lutece (S) II.....	....	....	2.75	3.35	4.00
Romeo (S) V.....	2.25	2.75	3.25	3.85	4.50
Rutilant (S) VI.....	2.25	2.75	3.25		
Sweginzowi albida (S) I..					
(white <u>tinged</u> pink) ....	2.75	3.25	3.75	4.35	5.00
Ursula (S) V.....	2.25	2.75	3.25	3.85	4.50
Virgilia (S) VI.....	2.75	3.25	3.75	4.35	5.00

\*Waiting List Item. See note on preceding page.

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Price List	LILAC SPECIES	Fall 1959	
	15-24"	2-3'	3-4'
S.josikaea (S) IV.....	....	\$2.75	\$3.50
S.julianae Hers Variety (spreading type not sold on basis of height; strong young plants, \$3.50)			
S.laciniata (S) IV (formerly S.persica laciniata)	\$2.50	3.25	4.00
*S.meyeri (S) IV.....	3.00		
S.microphylla (S) V.....	3.00	3.75	
*S.oblata giraldii nana (S) IV.....	3.50		
*S.persica (S) IV.....	3.00		
S.persica alba (S) I (white tinged lavender) .....	3.00	3.75	4.50
*S.potanini (S) V.....	....	4.75	....
*S.pubescens (S) IV.....	3.50		
S.reflexa (S) V.....	3.00	3.75	
S.reflexa alba (S) I.....	3.00	3.75	4.50
S.sweginzowi (S) V.....	3.00	3.75	4.50
*S.velutina (S) IV.....	2.50		

Price List	TREE LILACS	Fall 1959
	2-3' 3-4' 4-5'	5-6' 6-7'
S.amurensis japonica (S) I	\$3.00	\$3.75
S.pekinensis (S) I.....	....	\$4.00 \$4.75 \$5.50

\*Waiting List Item. See note, first page of Price List

CLASSIFICATION: FRENCH HYBRIDS are the well known "French" lilacs. EARLY HYBRIDS resemble them but bloom earlier. CHINENSIS HYBRIDS are related to the Persian type, have lacy foliage. LATE HYBRIDS bloom much later than French lilacs, have different type leaves. SPECIES lilacs are a wide range of types found growing wild. TREE lilacs are wild lilacs that make small trees. For more detailed information on all types, see our descriptive catalog.

TERMS: CASH WITH ORDER. (Spring '60 orders reserved now by 30% deposit, bal.due Mar.1,'60.) CUSTOMERS PAY ALL SHIPPING CHARGES. Plants up to 2-2½' usually mailable; for postage to add, consult table in Lilac News. Larger plants sent Express, shipping charges collected on delivery. For more details, see our descriptive catalog.

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**S. REFLEXA ALBA** (White Nodding Lilac) (1940)

Has the nodding panicles and late blooming habit typical of *S. reflexa*; flowers handsome creamy white. A striking form of rare distinction discovered in a block of *S. reflexa* in our nursery.

**S. SWEGINZOWI** (Chengtu Lilac) (1904)

Brought from Tibetan borderlands by E. H. Wilson. Neat, upright grower; small leaves. Deep garnet colored stems covered with dawn pink florets form billowy clusters of rare beauty. Very hardy. Blooms late.

**S. SWEGINZOWI ALBIDA.** See Late Hybrids, p. 17.**S. VELUTINA** (Korean Lilac) (1897)

Found in the Korean mountains by V. L. Komorov. Upright, symmetrical; tidy foliage and slender branches; feathery, pale lavender blossoms. Has a lovely, spicy fragrance. Blooms heavily, very shortly after the French Hybrids.

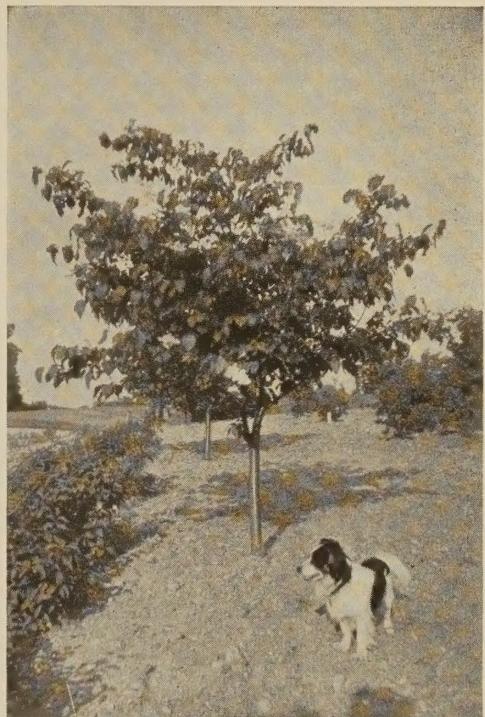
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**S. AMURENSIS JAPONICA** (*S. japonica*) (Japanese Tree Lilac)

A round topped tree reported in Japan about 1875. Very floriferous; with big, showy panicles of dainty, ivory white flowers with bright yellow anthers. Tree Lilacs blossom after all other lilac blooms are gone.

**S. PEKINENSIS** (Pekin Lilac)

A large shrub or small tree from north China, first noted in 1857. Slender, feathery foliage; spikes of creamy white blossoms. Last Tree Lilac to bloom. A very lusty grower.



Japanese Tree Lilac

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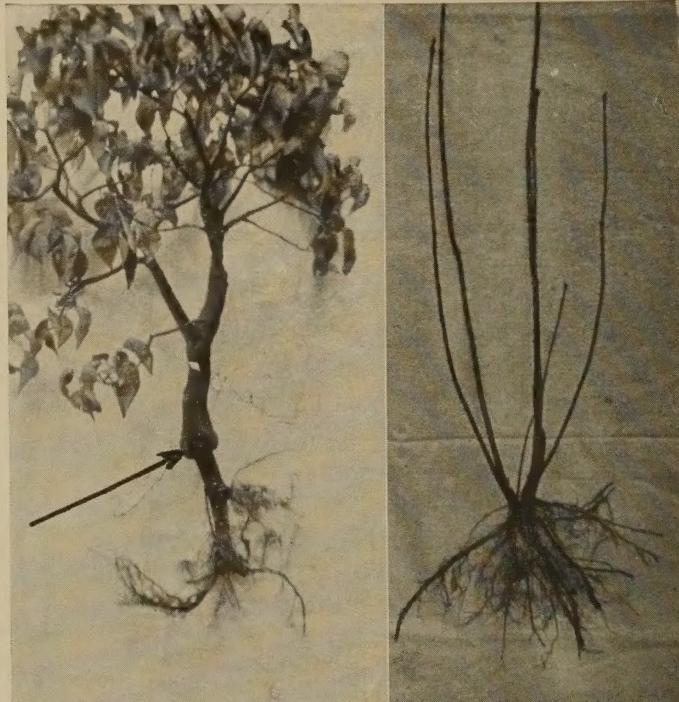
## BETTER BLOOMS:

This picture, showing two blossom clusters of variety Mrs. Edward Harding, tells the story. *On left*, the largest bloom we could find on a 20-year-old *grafted* plant; *on right*, largest bloom on a 10-year-old *own-root* plant. These had the same ancestry; the own-root plant was grown from a cutting obtained from the grafted plant.

## BETTER PLANTS:

**A:** A lilac grafted on privet and planted deep in an effort to get it on its own roots. This plant, like so many grafted lilacs, *has failed to establish any roots of its own after five years*. Note the greatly enlarged stem at the graft juncture and the wilted, unhealthy appearance. This lilac could not obtain sufficient nutriment through the inadequate root system of its privet understock.

**B:** A dormant two-year-old lilac on its own roots. The sturdy, well-branched plant, with its big fibrous root system, tells its own story.



A  
GRAFTED ON PRIVET  
(Photographed in July)

B  
GROWN ON OWN ROOTS  
(Photographed in December)

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